

DUXBURY

Work to start on clustered septic system

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DUXBURY — Engineers this month will begin designing the Wadsworth Park shared septic system that was approved at town meeting in March.

Public works Director Walter Tonaszuck said town counsel is finalizing language for the design contract with BETA Engineering, the firm that conducted a survey that identified 31 Bay Road area homes as polluting Kingston Bay.

The shared system for those homes will be located at the Wadsworth Park playground or on an adjacent town-owned parcel.

Tonaszuck, the project manager, said he and the engineers have not yet decided where to put the leaching field.

Homeowners will reimburse the town for the system through betterment fees of \$2,760 annually for 20 years and will pay operation and maintenance costs. The town will own, maintain and operate the system.

"It's going to end up not costing the town anything," said health board member Georgeann Blatterman. "The users will pay for the system."

Topography maps of the Wadsworth Park area will be completed within the week, and engineers will begin designing the system this month, Tonaszuck said.

Town meeting in March appropriated \$81,600 to design the system and \$950,000 to construct it.

Tonaszuck said the system design is scheduled to be completed in October and will then be submitted to the state for approval. Construction will last about four months and will probably begin in May 2000, Tonaszuck said.